CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method in a data processing system for locating files, the method comprising:

receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and

responsive to receiving the input, saving the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

responsive to a request from a requester for files associated with the unique identifier, querying the data store for an identification of the files associated with the unique identifier.

receiving a result from the data store; and

returning the result to the requester.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a user.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data processing system.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein input is a user input to save the file.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of

the file.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.

8. A file system comprising:

a data store, wherein the data store stores associations between files and unique identifiers; and

a file management process, wherein the file management process associates the unique identifier with the file in the data store when a file is saved and identifies files associated with a unique identifier in the data store when a query to retrieve files using the unique identifier is made.

9. A data processing system for locating files, the data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to receive an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and save the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store in response to receiving the input in which the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and in which files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

10. A data processing system for locating files, the data processing system

comprising:

receiving means for receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and

saving means, responsive to receiving the input, for saving the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

11. The data processing system of claim 10 further comprising:

querying means, responsive to a request from a requester for files associated with the unique identifier, for querying the data store for an identification of the files associated with the unique identifier.

receiving means for receiving a result from the data store; and

returning means for returning the result to the requester.

12. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a user.

13. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data processing system.

14. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein input is a user input to save the file.

15. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of the file.

16. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.

17. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for locating files, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and

second instructions, responsive to receiving the input, for saving the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

18. The computer program product of claim 17 further comprising:

third instructions, responsive to a request from a requester, for files associated with the unique identifier, querying the data store for an identification of the files associated with the unique identifier;

fourth instructions for receiving a result from the data store; and

fifth instructions for returning the result to the requester.

19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a user.

20. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data processing system.

21. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein input is a user input to save the file.

22. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of the file.

23. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.